

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
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No. 011

Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency in order to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments concerning bilateral military exercises and exchanges, throughout the year 2006, which will take place in Paraguay with the participation of members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. These events include, inter alia, the ones outlined below:

Her Excellency,

Ambassador Leila Rachid-Cowles,

Minister of Foreign Relations

of the Republic of Paraguay.

- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (230WF) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces of Paraguay between June and September of 2005.
- Military Information Support Team Exchange with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between July of 2005 and June of 2006.
- United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) Visit with the Executive Branch, Ministry of Defense, and Armed Forces of Paraguay between July of 2005 and June of 2006.
- Medical Readiness Training Exercise (MEDRETE) with members of the Military Medical Corps of the United States of America and Military Medical Corps of Paraguay between July and December of 2005.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (CNT071) with members of the Naval Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces of Paraguay between July and September of 2005.
- Nations Lab Strategic Seminar with members of the United States Southern Command Headquarters and the Institute for

Strategic Studies (IAEE) between October and November of 2005.

- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (400W) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between July and September of 2005.
- Military Academy Cultural Immersion Program with members of the Military Academy of the United States of America, West Point and the Military Academy of Paraguay in Capiatá between June and August of 2005.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (100W) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between October and December of 2005.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (CNT014) with members of the Naval Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces of Paraguay between October and December of 2005.
- Medical Readiness Training Exercise (MEDRETE) with members of the Military Medical Corps of the United States of America and Military Medical Corps of Paraguay between January and June of 2006.

- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (220WH) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between January and March of 2006.
- Civil-Military Subject Matter Expert Exchange with members of the Massachusetts National Guard of the United States of America and the Armed Forces, and civilian leaders of Paraguay between January and June of 2006.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (023N) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between January and March of 2006.
- Foreign Academy Exchange Program with members of the Military Academy of the United States of America and the Military Academy of Paraguay in Capiatá between March and April of 2006.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (303F) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between April and June of 2006.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (300W) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the

Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between April and June of 2006.

- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (401W) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between July and September of 2006.
- Nations Lab Strategic Seminar with members of the United States Southern Command Headquarters and the Institute for Strategic Studies (IAEE) between October and November of 2006.
- Joint Combined Exchange Training Exercise (TBD) with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces and Security Forces of Paraguay between July and September of 2006.
- Human Rights Regional Seminar with members of the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and the Paraguayan Armed Forces between June and August of 2006.
- "Fuerzas Comando" Regional Exercise with members of the Special Forces of the United States of America and the Armed Forces of Paraguay hosting between June and September of 2006.

In reference to this, I have the honor to propose an agreement based on the following terms:

A) The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall accord to all U.S. personnel assigned to the exercise in reference and who are present in Paraguayan territory for the duration of said exercise, a legal status equivalent to that accorded to the administrative and technical staff of the Embassy of the United States of America under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961.

B) United States personnel shall be permitted to exit and enter Paraguayan territory with United States identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders.

C) The Government of Paraguay will similarly accord duty-free importation and exportation, as well as exemption from inspection and taxation on products, property, and material for, or in representation of, the personnel of the United States assigned to carry out this exercise. Title to the materials or other goods introduced into Paraguay, or acquired in the country by or on behalf of the Government of the United States for the purpose of carrying out the activities described in this accord, will remain with the Government of the United States. The United States will retain the right to remove this property from

Paraguay at any time, not subject to the payment of taxes, customs, duties or other similar charges. The property of the Government of the United States and of its personnel may be disposed of in Paraguay provided such disposition is carried out in a manner consistent with Paraguayan law.

D) The Paraguayan authorities will accept as valid all medical licenses extended to United States Government personnel by the authorities of the United States for the purpose of carrying out medical activities in connection with this exercise. Similarly, drivers' licenses issued by the appropriate United States authorities to personnel in charge of operating vehicles will be accepted by the Paraguayan authorities without the need for the payment of fees or drivers tests.

E) The Government of the Republic of Paraguay and the Government of the United States of America reciprocally waive any and all claims against each other for personal injury to or death of their military or civilian personnel, or for damage, loss, or destruction of the other's property arising out of the activities covered by this agreement. Any and all claims presented by third parties arising from the activities carried out in the framework of this exercise shall be channeled to the responsible government, so that the same can consider its merits

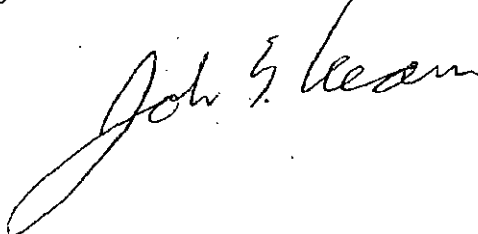
and, as the case may be, determine the compensation which corresponds, in accordance with its law. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall accept full responsibility for any and all claims arising from the use of projects constructed in whole or in part during these exercises.

F) The Government of the United States of America shall instruct all United States personnel participating in the exercise to carry, at all times, a valid military identification issued by the appropriate United States authority.

G) The entry and exit of United States personnel will be regulated by special arrangements with the appropriate authorities of the Government of Paraguay in accordance with the needs of the training missions.

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of Paraguay, I have the honor to propose that this note, together with the response of Your Excellency, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which will enter into force on the date on which the Government of the Republic of Paraguay notifies the Government of the United States that it has complied with its internal legal formalities.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.







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Translation

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[Republic of Paraguay]  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

No. 2/05

Asunción, March 31, 2005

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 011 of March 8, 2005, which reads as follows:

[See Text of U.S. Note]

In this regard, I have the honor to inform you, in the name of the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, that the above-transcribed proposal is acceptable. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the Republic of Paraguay furnishes notification of compliance with its internal legal formalities.

[Complimentary close]

[Signature]

Ambassador Leila Rachid  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency  
John F. Keane,  
Ambassador of the United States of America,  
Asunción.